

Minutes of the February 19, 2024 Hampton City Council Budget Workshop

The Hampton City Council Budget Workshop was called to order at the Hampton City Council Chambers by Mayor Steve Birdsall at 6:00 p.m. The workshop was also offered electronically through Zoom. Council members in attendance were Kevin Blanford, James Davies, Bill Hodge, Jerre Grefe, Barry Lamos, and Patrick Palmer. Also, present were Police Chief Mark Morrison, Public Works Director Doug Tarr, and City Manager Ron Dunt. Mayor Birdsall invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Mayor Birdsall offered time for public comment. There was none.

Chief Morrison and Public Works Director Tarr gave an update on nuisance properties. They have several properties going to court this week and next. Tarr reported that staff will be doing a garage demolition on South Federal this week and Tarr is also working on scheduling another city-wide cleanup for this spring. The house on 4th Street SE will be demolished as soon as the contractor hired by the owner can get there.

The council discussed additional curb parking at the NW corner of intersection of 1st Ave NW and 3 St. NW. Property owner, Lance Studer, was present to answer questions from the council. Discussion was held regarding proposed additional parking on the east side of Studer's building and 1 parking spot on the South Side of Studer's building. The consensus of the council was to have staff conduct research on whether an Ordinance is needed to add parking and to draft needed ordinances and/or resolutions for consideration by the council at a future meeting.

The council held a discussion regarding the FY25 budget. The consensus of the council was in favor of moving forward with FY25 budget as proposed by City Manager Dunt and to set a date for a public hearing regarding the proposed property tax levy at the next regular session.

The council then discussed attendance at the Chamber dinner on Saturday, March 2 in Sheffield. The city has been a chamber member for 20 years and will be recognized.

The workshop concluded at 6:34 p.m.